

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows without prejudice.

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A cement slurry, comprising a base fluid including cement, a first fibrous component made of metallic fibres and a second fibrous component made of glass, carbon or polymeric fibres having a density close to that of the base fluid, said second fibrous component present at a concentration of less than 10% by mass of the total fibrous content of the fluid.

12. (Previously Presented) The cement slurry of claim 11, wherein the metallic fibres comprise amorphous cast iron.

13. (Previously Presented) The cement slurry of claim 12, wherein the metallic fibres are flat, plate-like structures having an average length less than 10mm.

14. (Previously Presented) The cement slurry of claim 11 wherein the second fibrous component has a length ranging from 5 to 35 mm.

15. (Previously Presented) The cement slurry of claim 11, wherein the second fibrous component is selected from the list consisting of glass, polyamide, novoloid, polypropylene and polyester fibres.

16. (Previously Presented) The cement slurry of claim 15 wherein the second fibrous component has a length ranging from 5 to 35 mm.

17. (Currently Amended). The cement slurry of A well fluid of claim 11, wherein the base fluid exhibits shear-thinning behaviour.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a well, comprising pumping into the well a ~~well~~  
~~fluid~~ cement slurry as claimed in claim 17.

19. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a well, comprising pumping into the well a  
cement slurry as claimed in claim 11.